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## NITRO UPDATE

### **MARYVILLE RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO METH CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Maryville, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to her involvement in a methamphetamine conspiracy. The indictment, Graves said, is the result of work completed by the NITRO Task Force.

**Billie J. Clements**, 23, of Maryville, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine.

By pleading guilty, **Clements** admitted that she conspired with others to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Sept. 1, 2001, and Sept. 16, 2003, in Nodaway and Andrew counties, Mo.

**Clements** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 26, 2003, in Kansas City.

Under federal law, Graves said, **Clements** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. Her sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Nodaway County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Andrew County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the NITRO Task Force. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation, a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law

enforcement agencies in the 16-county region.

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